

FARM NUMBERS

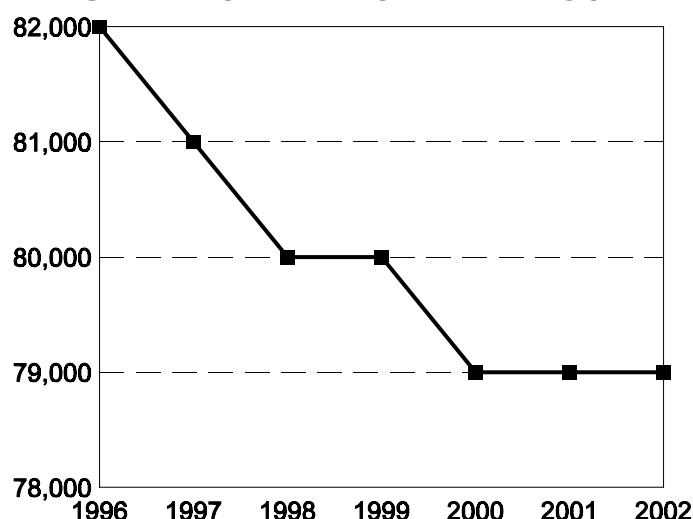
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2002 MINNESOTA ALL FARM NUMBERS UNCHANGED FROM 2000 & 2001

The 2002 total number of farms in Minnesota is estimated at 79,000, unchanged from 2000 and 2001, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The Minnesota number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class increased 500 to 31,000 in 2002. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class decreased 500 from 2001 to 28,000 farms.

Minnesota commercial farms in the \$100,000 and over sales class remained unchanged from 2000 and 2001 at 20,000 in 2002.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales. The farm definition includes places with five or more horses as a farm, except horses in boarding stables and race tracks.

NUMBER OF FARMS IN MINNESOTA
**NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS BY ECONOMIC SALES CLASS,
Minnesota, 1996-2002**

Year	Number of Farms by Sales Class				Land in Farms by Sales Class				Average Size of Farms
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000+	Total	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000+	Total	
<i>Number</i>					<i>Thousand Acres</i>				<i>Acres</i>
1996	29,000	31,500	21,500	82,000	3,100	9,000	17,100	29,200	356
1997	29,500	30,500	21,000	81,000	3,100	8,700	17,300	29,100	359
1998	29,500	29,500	21,000	80,000	3,100	8,500	17,300	28,900	361
1999	30,500	29,500	20,000	80,000	3,100	8,600	17,100	28,800	360
2000	30,000	29,000	20,000	79,000	3,000	8,500	17,100	28,600	362
2001	30,500	28,500	20,000	79,000	3,000	8,400	17,100	28,500	361
2002	31,000	28,000	20,000	79,000	3,000	8,300	17,100	28,400	359